

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs appearing at page 20, line 4 – line 27 , as follows:

As shown in Fig. 8, the end corner of the permanent magnet 14 is surrounded by a space ~~100_114~~ and is kept out of contact with any member. Moreover, the plate member 17f effects a sealing between the cap 19 as the case member and the permanent magnet 14 so that the epoxy resin 26 will not enter the central core assembly 13.

In the fourth embodiment, the end corner of the permanent magnet 14 confronts the space ~~100_114~~, and the end corner of the permanent magnet 15 is covered with the cylindrical member 17, so that the two longitudinal end corners of the central core assembly 13 are out of contact with the secondary spool 20 and the epoxy resin 26. Since the outer circumference of the central core assembly 13 is covered with the cylindrical part 17a, moreover, even if the central core assembly 13 and the secondary spool 20 or the epoxy resin 26 having different thermal expansion coefficients repeat expansions and contractions in accordance with the temperature change, the cracks are prevented around the outer circumference of the central core assembly 13 and especially at the secondary spool 20 and the epoxy resin 26 in the vicinity of the two end corners of the central core assembly 13, where the cracks might otherwise be liable to occur, so that the discharge between the high voltage side and the central core assembly 13 can be prevented. This makes it possible to apply the desired high voltage to the ignition plug.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 11, as follows:

Only the end corner at the side of the permanent magnet 14 is disposed in the space ~~100_114~~ and kept out of contact with other members. However, only the end

corner of the permanent magnet 15 may be surrounded by a space or both of the end corners of the permanent magnets 14 and 15 may be surrounded by respective spaces.